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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, room 1061
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Re: docket# 98N-1038 'Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and
Handling of Food'

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

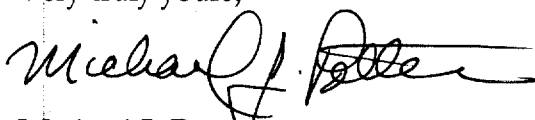
I am a forty-nine year old male citizen of this great country. I have six children and two grandchildren. I grew up in Michigan and was taught that the FDA strictly required and enforced truthful representation in the labeling of food. Virtually all men and women of my generation grew up believing that if they read a food label, due to FDA's diligence, they would know exactly what they were about to consume, or be able to make an informed decision to consume it or not.

I am writing you to urge FDA to fulfill the almost universal expectation of this country's citizenry that food labeling provides us the opportunity to make an informed decision about what we eat. If a food is subjected to irradiation (random genetic modification), I believe I have both a right to know, and a need to know. I ASK THAT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REQUIRE LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOOD.

I ASK THAT THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REQUIRE LABELING OF ALL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD.

Please do not refrain from your duty to provide protection and information to the buying public. Please do not put huge corporate interests before the interest of the citizenry.

Very truly yours,

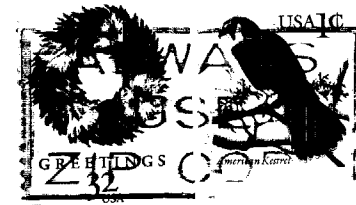


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